



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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POSITION TITLE: Chemist Technician

(UNCLASSIFIED APPOINTMENT NOT TO EXCEED 3 YEARS)

LOCATION: Ewing, New Jersey
Division of Plant Industry

ISSUE DATE: August 10, 2017

CLOSING DATE: August 24, 2017

SALARY RANGE: \$40,000 - \$45,000

ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 17-17

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture (NJDA) laboratory's has been awarded an FDA grant (FOA number RFA-FD-15-021 *Implementation of the Animal Feed Regulatory Program Standards (AFRPS) (U18)*). By participating in the co-operative agreement program, the laboratory will develop analytical methods needed by the N.J. State feed agency (Division of Marketing and Development), undertake proficiency testing provided by external agencies, and implement feed sampling plans. The laboratory will co-operate with FDA to develop data exchange between the laboratory and eLEXNET. The laboratory will develop surge capacity needed to provide analytical services in the event of a large-scale chemical event through animal feed. The laboratory will obtain ISO 17025:2005 accreditations under FDA's guidance by following the predetermined timeline to obtain the accreditation. The laboratory will also participate in the mentoring program in collaboration with FDA and other participating laboratories.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this position is to assist the Agricultural Chemistry laboratory in developing and implementing a program that will test the contents of animal feed in accordance with the standards outlined by ISO 17025:2005. Analysis will occur by means of NIR, mass spectrometry, nitrogen analyzer as well as wet chemistry confirmation for elemental analysis. The Chemist Technician will assist the State Chemist with the rules and standards created by AAFCO (American Feed Control Officials Incorporated) and assist with upholding these guidelines for the state of New Jersey.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in chemistry which should include a minimum of six (6) semester hour credits in analytical chemistry.

NOTE: All college degrees (both U.S. and non-U.S.) and/or transcripts from a college or university must already be evaluated for accreditation by the closing date of posting. Transcripts must be submitted with resume. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in ineligibility.

LICENSE: Appointee will be required to possess a driver's license valid in New Jersey only if the operation of a vehicle rather than employee mobility is necessary to perform the essential duties of the position.

RESIDENCY LAW: Effective September 1, 2011, all employees of State and local government must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under law. If you already work for State or local government as of September 1, 2011, and you do not live in New Jersey, you are not required to move to New Jersey. However, if you begin your office, position or employment on September 1, 2011 or later, you must reside in New Jersey. If you do not reside in New Jersey, you have one year after the date you take your office, position or employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey. If you do not do so, you are subject to removal from your office, position or employment.

**** AUTHORIZATION TO WORK:** Selected candidate must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services regulations. **Note:** The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for permanent residency to the United States or work visa.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicants should submit a cover letter including the announcement number, resume and transcripts by the closing date to: Heather Knox, Personnel Assistant 3, Human Resources, P.O. Box 330, Trenton, NJ 08625 or via e-mail to njdajobs@ag.state.nj.us.

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